

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 13 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 7 are independent. Claim 7 has been amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 has been so rewritten. In view of the amendment, claims 7-9 are now believed clearly in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0095905 (Pecen et al.). Applicants traverse and submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited art.

Claim 1 is directed to a method of reselecting a cell by a mobile terminal in idle mode in a cellular telecommunication network in which the network sends to the terminal a list containing information with regard to the UMTS cells to be identified, and the terminal periodically performs a series of procedures of identifying the cells and a series of intersystem measurements on the identified cells. Between two successive procedures of identification, the terminal performs a series of procedures of measurement whose duration is fixed so that total duration for performing a procedure of identification and the subsequent series of procedures of measurement is less than 25 seconds.

The position taken, at page 3 of the Office Action, that the measurement of the first of the five received signal level measurement samples discussed in paragraph [0009] of Pecen corresponds with the recited “procedure of identification,” while the measurements of the subsequent series of the five received signal level measurement samples corresponds with the recited “procedures of measurement.”

However, as Pecen is understood, all five signal level measurements in paragraph [0009] are “procedures of measurement” rather than procedures of identification, as that term is recited in claim 1. In particular, the first measurement in Pecen is not a procedure used to identify a cell, and

certainly not to identify a cell that is to be subject to the subsequent measurements, as required in claim 1.

Moreover, Pecen does not teach that the measurements on the cells in Pecen are "intersystem measurements." Intersystem measurements are defined in the specification of the present application as "measurements ... performed on a radio access network whose technology is different from that in the serving cell." Applicants have not found anything in the cited portions of Pecen to indicate that the measurements discussed at paragraph [0009] are intersystem measurements, as required in claim 1. For at least the foregoing reasons, Pecen does not anticipate independent claim 1.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Entry of this amendment is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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